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CRSC Ambassador Training Call

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Agenda

- Introductions
 - MAJ Scott Barrell, Operations Officer CRSC Division
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- Legislation and Ambassador Updates
- Veterans' Day Campaign
- CRSC vs. CRDP (Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay)
 - Why do we have them?
 - Eligibility
 - CRSC vs. CRDP Decision Matrix
 - CRSC - Takeaways
- Open Discussion
- Administrative Reminders



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Legislation/Program Updates

- Legislation to expand eligibility for CRSC to Chpt 61 retirees and include Temporary Early Retirement Authority (TERA) retirees with 15 or more good years of service
 - Current Legislation: HR.303, HR.333, HR.89, S.439
 - www.thomas.loc.gov and search by the Bill Number above to find the latest actions
- New approval/denial letters are "hitting the streets" this month
- New "look" on the CRSC Ambassador Quarterly!
 - Name will change to CRSC/TSGLI Quarterly and will be distributed to CRSC and TSGLI Ambassadors as well as program Affiliates
- Taking the lead
 - Two options: State Leads or individual contact information on the website



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Veterans' Day Campaign

- Ambassador Get an Ambassador Initiative
 - November 1-30, 2007
 - Identify new Ambassadors
 - Receive a thank you gift from the program office for your efforts
- Share your story or one of a veteran in your area!
 - New stories will be featured on the website each week (or more often as needed)
- Events from the Program office
 - Washington, DC Veterans' Day Parade
 - Pentagon Display
- Let us know what you are doing
 - We will add it to our calendar of events on the website increasing visibility and will be reporting up to The Adjutant General of Human Resources Command on the entire Veterans' Day Campaign



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CRSC vs. CRDP

- In order to better understand eligibility requirements, it is important to know why CRSC and Concurrent Retirement and Disability Payments (CRDP) were created
 - Since the late 1800's, retired veterans with disabilities waived their regular retired pay to receive Veterans Administration (VA) disability compensation
 - In December 2002, Congress enacted a legislative initiative to restore military retirement compensation that is on par with Federal service benefits
 - As a result of this legislation, Congress authorized two programs for disabled retired veterans: **CRSC** and **CRDP** to *offset the monies being taken out of a servicemember's retirement pay*



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Basic Eligibility

Must have all of the following:

CRSC

1. AC, RC, NG or medically retired with 20 years
2. **10%** or greater VA rated injury that is **combat-related**
3. Receiving military retired pay
4. Military retired pay is reduced by VA disability payments (VA Waiver)

CRDP

1. AC, RC, NG, medically retired with 20 years, or a TERA retiree
2. **50%** or greater VA rated injury that is **service-related**
3. Receiving military retired pay
4. Military retired pay is reduced by VA disability payments (VA Waiver)



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Service-Related vs. Combat-Related

- **Service Related (CRDP eligibility)**

- An Illness or injury which the Soldier incurred while in active military service or which existed prior to entry into active military service and was made worse by such service.

- **Combat Related (CRSC eligibility)**

- For the purposes of CRSC, a combat-related illness/injury can be a illness or injury that results by the means of combat or training for combat. It can be caused by any of these situations:
 - » **Simulations of War (SW)** (i.e. FTX, Special Forces training exercises, combat confidence course or lanes training, or other training which is used to prepare for combat);
 - » **Hazardous Service (HS)** (i.e. aerial flight, parachute duty, demolition duty, experimental stress duty, and diving duty)
 - » **Instrumentalities of War (IN)** (i.e. tanks, Agent Orange, grenade simulators, military planes, and other items unique to the military).
 - » **Or by actual combat (AC)** - directly or indirectly (i.e. Purple Heart (PH) injuries or secondary conditions as a result of the injury).



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CRSC vs. CRDP Decision Matrix

Example	2007	CRSC	CRDP
Full Concurrent Receipt	YES -Eff 2003/2004	NO - 10 yr phase in (except 100% ratings)	
VA Rating Starts At	10%	50%	
Compensation	Retroactive	Not Retroactive	
Taxable	TAX FREE	TAXED	
Individual Unemployment (IU)	YES=100%**	3 yr phase (2009)	
Survivor Benefit Plan	NONE	NONE	
File Claims	Must Apply	Automatic	
Qualified Injury	Combat-Linked	Service Connected	

*Note: If receiving CRDP payments, will be subtracted from CRSC payments

**Note: claimants with 60%-90% VA ratings



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Questions?



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Administrative Reminders

- Let us know what you are up to!
 - Submit your claim workshops, briefings, or other events where you will be presenting CRSC materials to the program office
- Continue to use your Ambassador Coded Claim Forms
 - V2AM in the top right corner of the claim form
- Submit any future agenda items to christen.wheeler@us.army.mil